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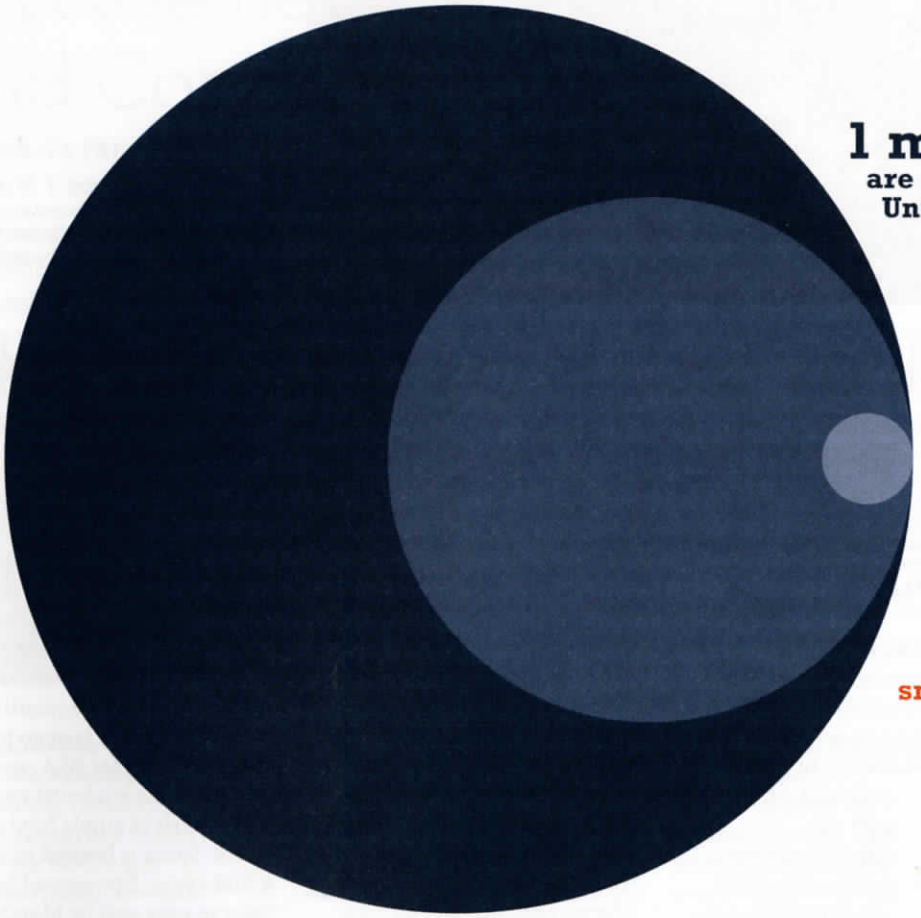

1 million new houses are built each year in the United States

1/3 of today's home buyers want a smart growth home

Less than 1% of annual new housing starts are smart growth

Leaving an annual supply gap of about **330,000** smart growth units

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Smart growth now

March 18, 6:00 pm
Free and all are welcome
Boston Public Library
Rabb Lecture Hall
architects.org/lectureseries

"WITH SO MANY OF OUR HISTORIC CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES predating the automobile—and the sprawl development it fueled—Massachusetts should be one of the smart growth jewels of the country," notes André Leroux, executive director of the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance. "Yet we are consuming land at a rate seven times that of our population growth."

As the guest speaker this month in "Exploring Design," the BSA lecture series at the Boston Public Library, Leroux assays the effectiveness of current private-sector and public-policy initiatives as informed by smart-growth principles. "Our outdated land-use laws make it difficult, and in many places, impossible, to build walkable communities," says Leroux. "We have to improve the rules of the development game in Massachusetts—and zoning is a top priority."

The BSA is one of the founding members of the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, a coalition of seven policy organizations that came together to promote healthy and diverse communities, protect critical environmental resources and working landscapes, provide housing and transportation choices, and support equitable community development and urban reinvestment. Leroux discusses why the alliance believes zoning reform can—and must—happen now.

Leroux's presentation begins at 6:00 pm on **March 18** at the BPL. There is no charge and all are welcome. ■ **CE/HSW**

Source: Office of Smart Growth, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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designLAB's renovation and addition to Marcel Breuer's 1953 Grosse Pointe Public Library. Rendering by designLAB architects.

Miklos discusses current work on modern libraries

March 12, 7:00 pm
The Architects Building
RSVP by March 10

"CULTURAL READINGS" is the theme when Robert Miklos FAIA, principal of designLAB architects, serves as guest provocateur in the BSA's "Conversations on Architecture" series on **March 12**.

In these monthly design explorations hosted by Brian Healy AIA, leading architects, landscape architects, planners, educators and designers gather to discuss the current state of architecture. Miklos discusses designLAB architects' work to interpret and expand two pivotal midcentury modern buildings: libraries by Marcel Breuer and Paul Rudolph.

Prior to starting his own practice, Miklos was a principal at Ann Beha Architects and Schwartz/Silver Architects. His designs for the Hyde Park Library and the Newburyport Arts Center both received the AIA Honor Award. Miklos received a Master of Architecture degree from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and has taught there and at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Reservations are required for this event, which is open to all. The $10 fee ($5 for BSA members and full-time students) covers the cost of ample food and drink. Space is limited to 35 on a first-come, first-served basis; reserve your seat by March 10 at *architects.org/registration*. ■ CE

Common Boston hosts national Design/Build Challenge

designbuildchallenge.org
commonboston.org

COMMON BOSTON, a volunteer group of design-minded professionals, organizes a rich program of tours and events over one weekend that increase public interest and engagement in Boston's built environment. On June 20 and 21, Common Boston Weekend features open buildings, neighborhood tours, forums and (new this year) a Design/Build Challenge.

Sponsored by Project Locus, the Design/Build Challenge is a national design and construction competition that focuses on built responses to community needs. The annual event gives participants 72 hours to create a public design that encourages community participation within a dense urban environment. This year's focus is the mass exodus of families from Boston neighborhoods—giving competitors the chance to quickly create built projects that have a real benefit to families living in the city.

Teams and individuals from around the country and from all disciplines and experience levels are encouraged to participate. Competitors will be asked to work with to-be-announced clients and sites to find design solutions addressing the social, economic and environmental benefits of city life. The challenge aims to prove that, even when created in just three days, an influential and sustainable response to a real problem can alter our urban fabric and benefit our community.

For more information, visit *designbuildchallenge.org* and *commonboston.org* or email *info@designbuildchallenge.org*.

A brave new Residential Design and Construction

The BSA's fifth annual Residential Design and Construction (RDC) convention and tradeshow is **April 1 and 2** at the Seaport World Trade Center.

Explore cutting-edge technologies and design innovations, increase profitability, earn continuing-education credits, network, and save time and money by seeing the latest in residential products and services in one place at one time.

Residential Design and Construction
April 1–2, Seaport World Trade Center
rdcboston.com

Discount deadline: March 9

To register, view workshop details, see the latest products and services, and view a full list of exhibitors, visit ***rdcboston.com***.

Strengthen ties across our industry

All building-industry professionals are invited to join us on April 1 for RDC's first inter-association networking extravaganza. Drop by between 5:00 and 7:00 pm to exchange ideas, business cards and industry news with other members of the BSA, American Society of Interior Designers, Builders Association of Greater Boston, Congress of Residential Architecture, International Furnishings and Design Association, National Association of the Remodeling Industry and National Kitchen and Bath Association.

As part of the planning for RDC 2009, a new Residential Design and Construction Industry Council was formed to ensure the show's programming and events serve everyone involved in residential design and construction. The council is the first of its kind in New England's building industry and reflects the inclusive spirit that has long differentiated RDC from other trade shows. The networking event is one direct result of this new collaboration.

After RDC, the members of the council associations will continue to meet quarterly to cross-promote our events and initiatives and discuss how to meet both our collective and unique opportunities and challenges. Do you represent a residential design and construction association not yet listed above? If so, contact Nancy Jenner at *njenner@architects.org* or 617-951-1433 x227 for details on the next meeting.

Earn all your SD credits

AIA members can easily fulfill the new 4-credit Sustainable Design (SD) credit requirement at RDC 2009. More than 20 SD sessions are planned at this year's conference. ■ **CE/HSW/SD**

Discover fresh products and services

To help amplify the RDC buzz in 2009, the BSA engaged Jocelyn Hutt, an interior designer and editor with deep roots in home-design industry. Her RDC blog, at *rdcboston.blogspot.com*, offers a sneak peak at the many cutting-edge products and services that will be on the exhibit floor this year.

Another innovation is RDC's new artisans' area. "We created this area to provide designers with access to artisans and their work in a way that they haven't enjoyed before," says Hutt. "These are custom-made, beautiful and often handcrafted products that many design professionals wouldn't discover otherwise." While the area is small this year, we hope it will grow. If you know of an artisan whose work should be showcased in this way, send their name and contact information to *jhutt@architects.org*.

Get the inside dirt on an icon

RDC 2009 includes *Koolhaas HouseLife*, a documentary film by Ila Beka and Louise Lemoine about one of the masterpieces of contemporary architecture—the house in Bordeaux designed by Rem Koolhaas. The story is told through the eyes of Guadalupe Acedo, the home's housekeeper and caretaker, as well as the other people who look after the building. Brian Healy AIA, moderator of the BSA's popular "Conversations on Architecture" program (see page 2), hosts this special film screening.

Above, left to right: RDC tradeshow floor (photo by Justin Knight); handmade rug by RDC showcase artisan Meg Little; hand-crafted ironwork by Hammersmith Studios; Dan Klein's bubinga and black lacquer Zipper Table.

Explore. Connect. Grow.

architects.org/epnet

THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK is no more. But have no fear, the Emerging Professionals Network is here!

Officially re-launched as EPNet, the name YPNet was bid adieu at a party at Boston's Red Sky lounge in January. The group, under revived leadership, has changed its name to reflect its inclusive nature—professionals young in years *and* at heart are welcome.

Along with the new name is a new logo. After a call for a volunteer to guide this re-branding endeavor, Mark Guarino of Guarino Design Group stepped forward and turned heads with his designs. For more information on Guarino Design Group, visit *guarinodesign.com*.

Upcoming EPNet events include visiting local firms, touring construction and architecture projects, hosting a scavenger hunt and creating a team for a Habitat for Humanity project. Go to *architects.org/epnet* for the latest news and events and to sign up for EPNet's monthly electronic newsletter.

Firms, young professionals benefit from YDPDI

Register by March 16
architects.org/ydpdi

THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 16 for the BSA's Young Designers Professional Development Institute (YDPDI). Now in its 11th year, the program was developed to provide young professionals with the insights, strategies and skills needed to build a successful and satisfying career.

From **March 2009 through February 2010**, leading professionals teach monthly half-day seminars covering professional skills such as effective negotiating techniques and marketing strategies. "This is an excellent way for younger members of the firm to be introduced to the many complex issues and skill sets that are needed to operate effectively in today's fast-changing design and construction industry," says Scott Simpson FAIA of KlingStubbins.

To register or for more information, visit *architects.org/ydpdi* or contact the BSA at 617-951-1433 x221 or *bsa@architects.org*.

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards launched its new electronic Experience Verification Reporting system in late December. Interns now can report their experience for the Intern Development Program (IDP) online through "My NCARB Record" instead of sending in paper forms. Visit *ncarb.org*.

Find your ARE support system

March 26, 6:30 pm
The Architects Building
architects.org/aresuccess

THROUGH THE ARE SUCCESS TEAMS PROGRAM, the BSA provides intern-architects preparing for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) with a supportive group structure, access to a study materials library and meeting/study space. The next kick-off meeting, which is open to both member and nonmember intern-architects, is **March 26** at 6:30 pm.

In the program, teams of six to eight people each work as a support network. Every member pledges to meet with and support the other team members until all members have completed their exams.

Visit *architects.org/aresuccess* for more details. If you are interested in attending the kickoff, RSVP to *rsvp@architects.org* or 617-951-1433 x221 by 9:30 am on the day of the kickoff.

On March 7 at 9:00 am, join Learning By Design in Massachusetts at The Architects Building for its annual hands-on workshop for architects and designers interested in teaching children of all ages about architecture and design. All design professionals are welcome at this free training session led by Polly Carpenter AIA. To attend, RSVP to *rsvp@architects.org* or 617-951-1433 x221. For more information, visit *architects.org/lbd* or contact Carpenter at *pollycarpenter@verizon.net* or 617-492-8266.

Legislative update

BOTH THE NEW FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION and the inspired leadership at the state level are making this an exciting time to be involved with BSA public-policy initiatives. We are encouraged by the interest and support for our expertise and our practices, and we urge everyone who cares about good design to join our collective voice as we advocate design excellence and sustainable solutions with local and national administrations. The following are just a few of our legislative efforts.

Ensuring accessibility to state work for design firms of all sizes
At the beginning of his term, Governor Patrick expressed his support of the creative economy, including the design professions. Led by Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki, the Patrick administration initiated discussions over the summer with the BSA regarding how the Commonwealth might assist the business growth of smaller, younger design firms through state contracts. Along with a variety of design and public-art advisors, a team of BSA members began working with Bialecki and Creative Economy Industry Director Jason Schupbach to develop methodologies that could be implemented by state agencies to encourage smaller, younger design firms to apply for state projects. Suggestions included the development of a "design triage" plan for state-funded projects; helping state agencies create "pools" of architects and other designers through a qualifications- and portfolio-based process; and implementing economic-based incentives for good/sustainable design. The end result of these discussions is expected to be a presentation by the BSA to the Governor's Development Cabinet.

Ensuring projects are 'shovel-right'
Governor Patrick and President Obama are both taking a broad approach to infrastructure investment. They understand that by embracing an inclusive definition of infrastructure, the anticipated investments will benefit education, public services, economic development and other sectors. In anticipation of the federal economic-stimulus plan, Governor Patrick charged Bialecki and Undersecretary Jay Gonzalez of the Executive Office of Administration and Finance with organizing the state's response to the federal stimulus money. They established 10 task forces charged with looking at a variety of areas. These areas included educational facilities, energy, information technology, municipal facilities, permitting, private development, procurement, state facilities and courts, transportation and workforce development. The BSA was successful in having an architect appointed to all but one task force. The task forces' work will result in recommendations on the most effective way to apply the federal stimulus money.

Stepping up to the state's 2030 Challenge
In March 2008, Governor Patrick set a goal of zero-net-energy buildings—commercial and residential structures that meet most of their energy needs by efficiency and on-site renewable energy—by 2030. This month, the Massachusetts Zero Net Energy Buildings Task Force (ZNEB) convened by the governor's office (which includes many BSA members and was highlighted in last month's ChapterLetter) is expected to release its final report. The report is likely to detail a comprehensive set of recommendations and incentives with a series of targeted goals for each year starting in 2010. Using the anticipated report findings and other initiatives as a starting point, BSA president Jim Batchelor FAIA convened a group in January to begin investigating how the BSA can best position itself to help build public momentum for the creation of zero-net-energy buildings based on the ZNEB findings.

Building relationships with new state leaders
In January, the BSA Legislative Affairs Committee hosted its biennial Freshman Legislators Breakfast. This breakfast gives architects an opportunity to meet newly elected state representatives and senators, while providing those same representatives and senators with an introduction to our profession and a guide to key BSA resources. More than two dozen architects and allies of the BSA participated in this event held at the Omni Parker House in Boston. In attendance were Rep. Jim Arciero (Westford), Rep. Bill Bowles (Attleboro), Rep. Jonathan Hecht (Watertown), Rep. Michael Brady (Brockton), Rep. James Dwyer (Woburn), Sen. Ken Donnelly (Arlington) and Sen. James Eldridge (Acton). They were joined by staff from Rep. Jim Cantwell (Marshfield), Rep. Carolyn Dykema (Holliston), Rep. Kate Hogan (Stow), Rep. Jason Lewis (Winchester) and Rep. Tim Madden (Nantucket).

Advocating at the national level
Last month, more than 800 AIA leaders from every state—including the local contingent led by BSA president Jim Batchelor FAIA and president-elect Larry Chan FAIA—participated in the AIA's 2009 Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference to advocate architects' legislative agenda on Capitol Hill. They met with staff members representing the entire Massachusetts congressional delegation about the AIA's Rebuild & Renew plan (see *aia.org/rebuildandrenew*); using federal highway dollars to promote transportation projects that benefit communities economically and environmentally; eliminating the 10 percent federal retainage on architects and engineers who contract with the federal government; and passing legislation that will provide affordable healthcare for American businesses and workers. To read the AIA's issue briefs, visit *architects.org/lac.*

Interested in shaping and supporting BSA public-policy efforts? Join the Legislative Affairs Committee at its monthly meetings (8:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month) or contact BSA public policy director John Nunnari Assoc. AIA at jnunnari@architects.org.

Survivor: young designers' edition

March 6, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Payette (285 Summer Street, Boston)
$275 ($200 BSA members/past YDPDI participants)
architects.org/registration

WHAT CAN YOU DO in a recessionary economy to survive, increase your value to your firm and preserve your career?

On **March 6**, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, the BSA sponsors an intense, pragmatic one-day seminar at Payette for young designers on how to increase your bottom-line performance, plan your career path, manage your "internal weather" and improve your marketability and business skills.

Dr. William Ronco, founder and director of the BSA's Young Designers Professional Development Institute (see page 4), leads a panel of principals from Boston firms who will share how they decide which young staff are "keepers." Participants include Robert Gracilieri PE of WSP Flack + Kurtz, Mark Jussaume Assoc. AIA, PE of TRO Jung|Brannen, Leila Kamal AIA of Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architecture and Engineering, and Scott Simpson FAIA of KlingStubbins.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, visit *architects.org/registration*.

Exploring MIT's public-art collection

March 23, noon
The Architects Building
architects.org/placemaking

PATRICIA FULLER, public art curator for Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), joins the **BSA Placemaking Network** on **March 23** at noon to provide an overview of MIT's public-art collection, including permanently sited works on campus, which have been given by various donors, and commissions through MIT's ongoing Percent-for-Art program, in connection with new campus capital projects. Join us at The Architects Building for lunch and a discussion of the integrated design process and interface between planning, architecture, landscape architecture and public art. ■ CE

Above: Matthew Ritchie's *Games of Chance and Skill* (2002) was a Percent-for-Art commission in connection with the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center at MIT.

The AIA 2009 National Convention and Design Exposition is **April 30 through May 2** in San Francisco. The profession of architecture is in the midst of incredible change. Exploring "The Power of Diversity," the event offers 500 program offerings—including workshops, seminars, tours, expo education and countless networking opportunities. Visit *aiaconvention.com* for details. ■ CE/HSW/SD

■ CE/HSW

Continuing-education credits, required for all architects registered in Massachusetts, are offered at many BSA events and workshops. Look for the [■ CE] symbol throughout this newsletter for programs that qualify. Events descriptions followed by a [■ CE/HSW] or [■ CE/HSW/SD] designation also qualify for Health, Safety and Welfare or Sustainable Design Learning Units respectively. Visit *architects.org/ce* for more information.

Committees address the new commercial code and making NAAB accreditation greener

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AS OF MARCH 1, the sixth edition of the Commercial Massachusetts State Building Code is no longer available for use in design or construction, and the seventh edition is now in full force and effect. At the **March 18** meeting of the **BSA Codes Committee**, we will examine the implications of this transition, including a brief summary of the significant changes. Join us at 8:30 am at The Architects Building.

The National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) is seeking suggestions and critiques as it develops new accreditation. The **BSA Architectural Education Committee** is spearheading an effort to inspire NAAB (and related organizations) to mandate that all U.S. architecture schools prepare their graduates to design carbon-neutral or zero-net-energy buildings. To volunteer for this undertaking, join us at our next meeting on **March 18** at 8:00 am at The Architects Building. ■ CE/HSW

Pandya and Park receive AIA Young Architects Awards

THE AIA HAS RECOGNIZED HARIL PANDYA AIA AND JINHEE PARK AIA with its 2009 Young Architects Award. The award honors individuals who have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession within the first 10 years of their licensed careers.

A project manager/designer at CBT, Pandya is very active in the AIA and was a driving force behind the creation of the BSA's first Young Professionals Advisory Council (now the Emerging Professionals Network, see page 4). He designed an affordable, sustainable prototype for Habitat for Humanity in Boston and managed its construction and also performs other pro-bono work that extends overseas. "He masterfully brings people together, both young and experienced, to form a team to tackle each of our assignments," wrote Richard Bertman FAIA and Charles Tseckares FAIA in their nomination letter. Pandya also has used his talents in music and filmmaking to market CBT and its clients.

Park and the firm she co-founded—Single Speed Design—are widely acclaimed, including being awarded the first Metropolis Next Generation Prize. "Park is among those few uncommon young architects whose contributions and skills will shape our profession for decades to come," wrote Diane Georgopulos FAIA in her nomination letter. The firm's Big Dig House drew particular praise from Susan Szenasy, editor-in-chief at *Metropolis*. "Their project, recycling the remnants of Boston's Big Dig into beautiful housing, so impressed the judges that the proposal, happily, came to represent the high standards we have since then put on our awards program," she wrote.

Pandya and Park will be recognized along with the other six award recipients at the AIA 2009 National Convention and Design Exposition in San Francisco (see opposite page).

Above: Young architects Haril Pandya AIA (top, photo by Bruce Rogvin) and Jinhee Park AIA (bottom, photo by Single Speed Design) have been honored by the AIA.

AIA honors designLAB architects for interior architecture

DESIGNLAB ARCHITECTS' work on the World Headquarters for the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) has received an AIA Honor Award for Interior Architecture. (For the full project team credits, see "Featured Articles" at *architects.org/chapterletter*.)

Robert Miklos FAIA, principal of designLAB architects, serves as guest provocateur in the BSA's "Conversations on Architecture" series on **March 12** (see page 2).

IFAW headquarters. Photograph by Peter Vanderwarker.

In search of a new director

E. CATLIN DONNELLY & ASSOCIATES, the search firm engaged to work with the BSA Search Committee to identify a new director of the BSA, has posted the job description for the position online, at *architects.org* and *ecdonnelly.com*. For more information related to the search process, contact Nancy Jenner at *njenner@architects.org* or 617-951-1433 x227.

Use LinkedIn to build your career network

April 6, noon
The Architects Building

ON APRIL 6 AT NOON, join the **BSA Career Resources Network** for a free training session led by Caitlin Jewell, principal and creative director of Silverscape, on how to use LinkedIn to expand your job-search network. On **March 2** at noon, the network features a lunch-and-learn on LEED with The Green Roundtable, as a follow-up to last month's series of free training sessions aimed at professionals interested in earning their LEED AP status.

This new network is an open forum for discussion on how the economy is affecting you. This group is a great way to network with like-minded professionals and discuss the current challenges in the economy. If you are currently unemployed or just interested in keeping your career or business moving forward, join us.

The group meets the first Monday of each month at noon at The Architects Building. All are welcome at these free lunches; RSVP to *rsvp@architects.org* or 617-951-1433 x221 by 9:30 am on the day of the meeting to ensure we order adequate food and refreshments.

If you have questions about this network or suggestions for future meetings, contact John Chase at *jchase@architects.org* or 617-951-1433 x242.

Boothe receives AIA Thomas Jefferson Award

Roger Boothe AIA

THE AIA HAS HONORED ROGER BOOTHE AIA, Cambridge's director of urban design, with its Thomas Jefferson Award, which recognizes excellence in architectural advocacy and achievement in three areas.

Boothe, who was nominated by the BSA, was recognized for his work as a public-sector architect who manages or produces quality design within an agency. He has served in Cambridge's planning department since 1979 and, with a strong vision for livability, has crafted citywide plans and created urban-design guidelines that have guided a major transformation of the city. In the process, Boothe has collaborated with more than 100 architecture firms from across the country and around the world to develop more than 20 million square feet in Cambridge.

The jury was impressed particularly with the incredible depth and persistence in Boothe's commitment to his community's long-term growth. "His accomplishments during his tenure in Cambridge have created a truly magnificent urban fabric that is enlightened in its vision and is fabulously rich in content," they said.

Boothe will be honored next month at the AIA National Convention and Design Exposition in San Francisco (see page 6).

AIA honors Sasaki Associates for urban design

THE PLAN FOR THE SOUTHWORKS LAKESIDE CHICAGO DEVELOPMENT, created by Sasaki Associates and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, has received an AIA Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design. (For the full project team credits, see "Featured Articles" at *architects.org/chapterletter.*)

Located on Chicago's historic South side, the former South Works steel mill site is the largest vacant site for redevelopment in the city. The design creates an innovative and sustainable new community that will be compact, pedestrian-oriented and closely tied to transit, which will connect people to the area's lakefront for the first time in more than a century.

Southworks Lakeside Chicago Development masterplan. Rendering by Sasaki Associates.

What are we getting for our dues?

EACH MONTH, THE CHAPTER LETTER HIGHLIGHTS one program or service that our BSA dues help underwrite. This month we draw special attention to our public-policy efforts (see page 5). Thanks to member support, we continue to increase our capacity to advocate design excellence in public projects, support for the creative economy and more at the state and federal levels.

Bob Hoye AIA
Treasurer

Join Architecture for Humanity Boston on **May 10** at 10:00 am for the **4th Annual Architecture for Humanity Boston (AfHB) 5K Run/Walk** at Brighton's Artesani Park. Register online for this annual fundraiser by searching on "Architecture for Humanity" at *active.com*; the registration fee is $20.

If you love Boston and design, don't miss Boston By Foot's upcoming new-guide training program. Founded in 1976, Boston By Foot is the city's nonprofit architectural walking-tour service. For details on serving as a guide or for information about tours and events, visit *bostonbyfoot.org* or call 617-367-2345.

opportunities

EACH YEAR, THE BSA SPONSORS AWARDS PROGRAMS to honor design excellence in Massachusetts, throughout New England and beyond. Here are a few with upcoming deadlines.

For submission deadlines and calls for entries for the 2009 design awards, design competitions and juried exhibit programs, visit *architects.org/awards.*

Accessible Design Awards
Co-sponsored by the Mass. Architectural Access Board and the BSA Access Committee, this program recognizes new or renovated buildings and facilities that are accessible by persons of all abilities. Designers, clients, community groups, public agencies and others may submit specific access solutions built in Massachusetts. Entries are due **April 14**.

Urban Design Awards
Co-sponsored by the AIA New York Chapter, this awards program honors urban design projects, community masterplans, placemaking projects and time-limited installations. Projects located anywhere in the U.S. are eligible; the project authors may be design teams anywhere in the world. Entries are due **April 16**.

John M. Clancy Award for Socially Responsible Housing
Sponsored by Goody Clancy, this award recognizes shelters for low- and/or moderate-income residents. Any public- or private-sector multifamily project anywhere in the U.S. may be submitted by any individual or group. Entries are due **April 23**.

Higher Education Facilities Awards
Co-sponsored by SCUP/New England, this awards program is open to New England architects for work they have done throughout the world and to architects anywhere in the world who submit New England projects. Entries are due **May 14**.

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Advertisers: capture a national audience

In addition to reaching 25,000-plus building-industry professionals in New England, the summer 2009 issue of *ArchitectureBoston*, the BSA's quarterly ideas magazine, goes to the National AIA Convention in San Francisco (April 30 through May 2). Don't miss your opportunity to extend your reach to a national audience that buys and works in New England. Ad sales close April 3. Contact advertising sales at 800-996-3863 or *sales@architects.org.*

Competitions/ Awards/Grants

Replace the demolished Rachel Raymond House for the international AIA Committee on Design ideas competition, entries due March 13; *aia.org/cod_ideas.*

Submit designs for two commercial buildings in the international Designing in Tehran competition by March 27; *benettongroup.com/designinginteheran.*

2009 US/ICOMOS international exchange program seeks intern applicants and host organizations for preservationists; *icomos.org/usicomos.*

AIA national awards and AIA honors and awards: various deadlines; *aia.org/awards.*

***Places Journal* and EDRA Award**: *places-journal.org/awards/edra.php.*

Grants for environmental initiatives: seasonal deadlines; *grassrootsfund.org.*

NEA design grants: *arts.endow.gov/grants.*

Lyceum Fellowship for architecture students: *lyceum-fellowship.org.*

Fulbright scholar program: *iie.org/cies* or 202-686-4000.

Massachusetts Development Finance Agency: early-stage economic development projects, rolling deadlines; *massdevelopment.com* or 800-445-8030.

Peace Corps: assignments throughout world, rolling deadlines; *peacecorps.gov.*

Massachusetts Historical Commission: historic preservation grants; *sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcidx.htm.*

American Association of University Women: scholarships and grants for women scholars; *aauw.org/fga.*

Student competitions: programs and deadlines vary; AIAS, *aias.org/competitions.php*; Van Alen Institute, *vanalen.org*; ACSA, *acsa-arch.org/competitions.*

Aga Khan Award: $500K in prizes, rolling deadlines; *akdn.org/akaa.asp.*

American Architectural Foundation (AAF): scholarships and grants; *archfoundation.org.*

Associated Grant Makers: serving MA and NH; *agmconnect.org/grantseekers.*

The MacDowell Colony: residencies and fellowships; *macdowellcolony.org.*

***ArchitectureWeek* Calendar**: listing of design competitions; *architectureweek.com.*

***Competitions* magazine**: design competitions; *competitions.org.*

Workshops/ Conferences

The North/East Roofing Contractors Association's annual convention and tradeshow is March 17 to 19; *nerca.org.*

Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference, March 12 to 14 at Boston's Hynes Convention Center; *traditionalbuildingshow.com.*

PSMJ Resources: A/E/C bootcamps, various local dates; *psmj.com* or 800-537-PSMJ.

Conway School of Landscape Design: 413-369-4044 or *csld.edu.*

Women's Educational and Industrial Union; career and job-hunting services, 617-536-5651.

Center for Management Research: learning programs for senior executives, various dates; *execseminars.com.*

The National Preservation Institute: workshops and seminars; *npi.org.*

calendar

March 2009

BSA Boston Society of Architects/AIA

- Committee meeting
- Lecture/conversation
- Reception/networking event
- Public program/convention
- Workshop/study group

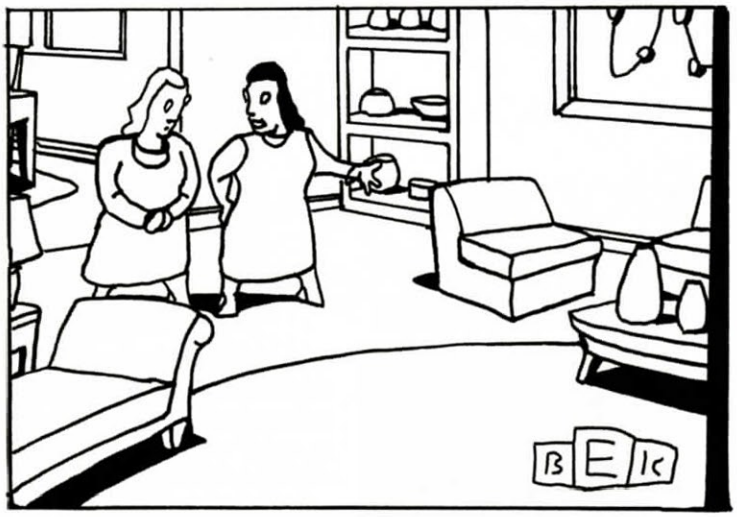
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 ■ **Noon*** Career Resources Network (see page 7)	**3** ■ **Noon*** Architects/Engineers Network ■ **6:00 pm*** Asian/Asian American Architects Forum ■ **6:30 pm*** Common Boston (see page 2)	**4** ■ **8:30 am** BSA/AGC/ABC Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) Committee ■ **6:00 pm*** VectorWorks Users Group
9	**10** ■ **8:30 am** Legislative Affairs Committee (see page 5) ■ **Noon*** Business Management and Finance Committee ■ **6:00 pm*** BosNOMA (at TRO Jung|Brannen; RSVP to *bosnoma@gmail.com*) ■ **6:15 pm*** LEED Study Group (RSVP to *bonnie.matterand@talbots.com*)	**11** ■ **8:00 am** Committee on the Environment ■ **8:00 am** *Feng Shui* Network ■ **Noon*** IT Wizards ■ **6:00 pm*** CDRC-Boston- and BSA-sponsored training session (see page 20) ■ **6:00 pm*** DOCOMOMO
16 ■ **Noon*** Indoor Air Quality Committee ■ **6:00 pm*** International Committee	**17** ■ **8:00 am** Residential Design Committee ■ **5:15 pm*** Design for Aging Committee ■ **6:30 pm*** Common Boston (see page 2)	**18** ■ **8:00 am** Architectural Education Committee (see page 6) ■ **8:30 am** Codes Committee (see page 6) ■ **12:30 pm*** BSA Volunteer PR Committee ■ **5:15 pm*** Healthcare Facilities Committee ■ **6:00 pm** "Exploring Design" lecture (at Boston Public Library; see page 1)
23 ■ **Noon*** Placemaking Network (see page 6) ■ **4:30 pm*** Building Enclosure Council ■ **6:30 pm*** Engineers without Borders (RSVP to *president@ewbboston.org*)	**24** ■ **9:00 am** Building Information Modeling (BIM) Roundtable ■ **Noon*** Administration & HR Wizards ■ **6:00 pm*** DataCAD Boston Users Group (DBUG) ■ **6:15 pm*** LEED Study Group (RSVP to *bonnie.matterand@talbots.com*)	**25** ■ **8:00 am** Marketing/PR Wizards ■ **Noon*** Access Committee ■ **6:00 pm*** Emerging Professionals Network (see page 4) ■ **6:00 pm*** Museum and Exhibit Design Committee
30	**31** ■ **6:30 pm*** Common Boston (see page 2)	

Find your way online: You can search for your next committee meeting, the latest news and Fame on the BSA's website: ***architects.org***.

Most BSA committee/network meetings and programs offer continuing-education credits for all Massachusetts architects; AIA members also receive AIA Learning Units. All are welcome.

***Lunch and evening meetings!** RSVP by 9:30 am on the day of the meeting: 617-951-1433 x221 or *rsvp@architects.org*.

All meetings are held in **The Architects Building** 52 Broad Street, Boston unless otherwise noted.



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Thursday	Friday
5 ■ **6:00 pm*** Architectural Photography Network ■ **6:00 pm*** Alien Architects Roundtable	**6** ■ **8:30 am** Survivor: young designers edition (see page 6; at Payette) **7** ■ **9:00 am** Learning By Design Workshop (see page 4)
12 ■ **8:00 am** Historic Resources Committee ■ **8:30 am** Public Art Initiative ■ **Noon*** Building Systems Committee ■ **6:30 pm*** Architecture for Humanity Boston ■ **7:00 pm*** "Conversations on Architecture" (see page 2)	**13** ■ **8:00 am** Women Principals Network (at Carol R. Johnson Associates) ■ **8:00 am** Construction Administration Roundtable
19 ■ **Noon*** Interior Architecture Committee ■ **5:30 pm*** Urban Design Committee	**20** ■ **8:30 am*** Housing Committee ■ **Noon*** Small Practices Network ■ **6:00 pm*** Rotch Travelling Scholarship: final competition/reception
26 ■ **9:30 am** K–12 Educational Facilities ■ **Noon*** Information Resources Wizards ■ **6:30 pm*** ARE Success Teams Kickoff (see page 4)	**27** ■ **8:30 am** MetroWest Network (at The Maugus Restaurant, 300 Washington Street, Wellesley; RSVP to *erin@lifestyleaid.com*)

deadlines

March 3
Submission deadline for In the Pursuit of Housing (see *architects.org/awards*)

March 9
Early-registration discount for Residential Design and Construction (see page 3)

March 16
Submission deadline for the May ChapterLetter (see page 1)

March 16
Registration deadline for Young Designers Professional Development Institute (see page 4)

March 23
Workshop and symposium proposals due for Build Boston (see page 3)

April 3
Ad sales close for summer issue of *ArchitectureBoston* (see page 9)

April 14
Submission deadline for Accessible Design Awards (see page 9)

April 15
Submission deadline for the June ChapterLetter (see page 1)

April 16
Submission deadline for Urban Design Awards (see page 9)

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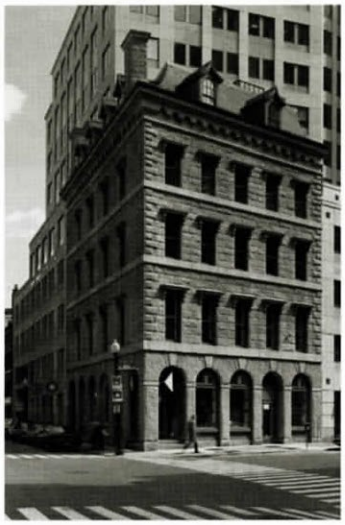

The Architects Building, at 52 Broad Street in Boston, is home to the BSA. Sponsor the elevator ride or the bagels consumed inside. Photograph by Peter Vanderwarker.

THE BSA'S PROGRAMS AND EVENTS serve everyone in the building industry, providing scores of marketing and branding opportunities for product and service providers. The following are a few sponsorship opportunities available in 2009.

Common Boston Weekend
This annual event (see page 2) is June 19 through 21 and features more than 40 open-building tours, exhibits and events in Jamaica Plain, Ashmont/Peabody Square, Chinatown, and Fort Point Channel. Donations of as little as $100 go a long way in supporting these free public events that increase public interest and engagement in Boston's built environment.

KidsBuild!
This biennial event (see opposite page) teaches children about architecture and urban design in a hands-on, interactive design program at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston. KidsBuild! appeals to kids of all ages and entire families are encouraged to attend. Sponsoring this event ($1,000–$5,000) puts your company in front of more than 1,000 participants on May 29 and 30.

The Architects Building elevator
Frequent visitors to The Architects Building have ample opportunities to experience the slow ride from the lobby to the BSA offices and meeting rooms. This primary means of transportation in the building is used by hundreds of building-industry professionals weekly as they travel to dozens of meetings and BSA programs. As elevator sponsor ($3,000/month; discounts for multiple months), your company information or event promotion would enjoy visitors' undivided attention.

BSA Design Awards
Each year the BSA, often in collaboration with other sponsoring companies and organizations ($3,000–$10,000), offers design awards programs (see page 9).

For details, contact John Chase at 617-951-1433 x242 or *jchase@architects.org* or visit *architects.org/sponsorships.*

R.W. Sullivan Engineering holds a charity fundraiser on **March 12** from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Schrafft Center. The public is welcome at this St. Patrick's Day party benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts.

IIDA New England: programs on interior design; *iidane.org.*

Wentworth Institute of Technology: professional and continuing education; 617-442-9010 x446 or *wit.edu/prospective/dpcs/overview.html.*

Zoning clinics: every Tuesday, 9:00 am–noon; *cityofboston.gov/isd/building/boa/zoningclinic.asp.*

AutoCAD Certificate program: Wentworth Institute of Technology; 617-989-4309.

Planning/zoning appeals boards: training sessions, Citizen Planner Training Collaborative; *umass.edu/masscptc* or 413-577-3642.

BU program for Real-Estate Studies: 617-353-3013.

Jewish Vocational Service: career, job-hunting and related workshops; 617-965-7940.

Real-estate management courses: *irem.org.*

Exhibits/Lectures/Tours/Events

Free lecture by Stanley Saitowitz on March 12 at 6:30 pm at MIT, 77 Massachusetts Avenue; *architecture.mit.edu.*

Peter Vanderwarker's photographs are on display in *Vanderwarker's Pantheon: Minds and Matter in Boston* at the Boston Athenaeum through May 2; *bostonathenaeum.org.*

Badlands: New Horizons in Landscape runs through April 12 at Mass MoCA; *massmoca.org.*

Institute for Human Centered Design, Adaptive Environments: lunch and evening lecture series on various topics; *ihcd-ae.org.*

Black Heritage Trail: year-round; *nps.gov/boaf/* or 617-742-5415.

SMPS Boston: ongoing marketing events; *smpsboston.org/program/calendar.php.*

Museum of Science lecture series: *mos.org/events_activities/lectures.*

Library of Congress: Historic architectural drawings exhibit; 800-551-7328.

Boston By Foot: various walking tours of the city and slide lectures available to rent; *bostonbyfoot.org* or 617-367-2345.

Art and architecture tours of the BPL: 617-536-4000 x212.

Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library, *maps.bpl.org.*

Trinity Church tours: 617-536-0944.

MIT Museum: The Architects Collaborative Collection, architecture e-galleries; *mit.edu/museum.*

Moakley Courthouse: "Discovering Justice" public tour program; *discoveringjustice.org.*

Historic New England: year-round tours and programs, online photographic Gropius House tour; *historicnewengland.org* or 617-227-3956.

Community/Professional Opportunities

Promote your brand through advertising in BSA print and online publications and sponsoring BSA programs and events! For more information, contact BSA marketing and sales manager John Chase at 617-951-1433 x242 or *jchase@architects.org*, or visit *architects.org/advertising.*

The BAC is seeking teachers/practitioners in decorative arts, wood-frame construction, mechanical/electrical systems, materials, methods and contract documents, structures; call 617-262-5000.

Co-op partnerships, Northeastern University: 617-373-3462 or *l.burke@neu.edu.*

Co-op student placements by Wentworth Institute of Technology: 617-989-4104 or *slavinr@wit.edu.*

Classical gardens in Suzhou, China.

Tour China this fall

THE BSA, IN PARTNERSHIP with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, sponsors its third tour of China on September 12 through 22. This 11-day trip focuses on the historical and contemporary architecture, planning and urban design of Beijing, Suzhou and Shanghai.

Three optional tour extensions are also available: a pre-tour Chengde Summer Palace extension (September 9–13), a post-tour of Xian and Yangzi River Cruise extension (September 22–27); and a post-tour of Huang Mountains and exploration of Huizhou culture extension (September 22–26).

For registration and other tour details, contact the BSA's tour partner, China Advocates, at *genie@china-advocates.com* or 888-333-2585, and identify yourself as a BSA member or friend.

Build Boston 2009 already in the works

RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION is only two months away but we're already planning the 25th annual Build Boston convention and trade-show, which is November 18 through 20. And we hope you are too, because the deadline for workshop proposals is 4:00 pm on **March 23**. Send us the title, description, and all panelists' names and affiliations for the workshop you wish you had done at Build Boston last year and now hope to do this year. To submit a workshop, visit *architects.org/proposals*.

In addition to individual workshops, we welcome suggestions and proposals for one- and two-day symposiums. Direct symposium ideas and proposals to Nancy Jenner at *njenner@architects.org* or 617-951-1433 x227.

Build Boston

Collect materials for KidsBuild!

architects.org/kidsbuild

KIDSBUILD!, the decade-old hands-on BSA initiative that has engaged thousands of children in learning about architecture and urban design, is May 29 and 30 at Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art. The planning committee will start collecting material donations in the spring.

We encourage architecture firms and others that have storage space to start collecting cool items that will enhance the participants' creativity (product samples, model materials, tubes, etc.). For more information on volunteering, donating materials and further event details, visit *architects.org/kidsbuild*.

North Bennet Street School crafts workshops on bookbinding, woodworking, jewelry, etc.; *nbss.org* or 617-227-0155.

Interested in a designers clubhouse in Union Square, Somerville? Contact *mimi@unionsquaremain.org*.

The Boston Museum of Science seeks professionals to teach problem-solving, computer applications, other courses; 617-589-0364.

Publication Opportunities

Photographer Geoffrey Gross seeks standing buildings by Eleanor Raymond FAIA and her contemporaries for a new Rizzoli book, *New England Modern: 1930–1965*; *geoffoto@earthlink.net*.

Light and shadow in architecture is the theme for the spring issue of *Forward*; submit articles by March 4 to *christina.noble@gmail.com*.

***ArchitectureBoston*, the BSA ideas magazine**, welcomes story ideas; *architectureboston.com* 617-951-1433 x227 or *architectureboston@architects.org*.

***Banker & Tradesman* architecture critic Jeff Stein AIA** welcomes story ideas at *jeff.stein@the-bac.edu*.

Hardwood Manufacturers Association seeks professional photography showing the use of solid U.S. hardwood for publication; call Susan Regan at 800-373-WOOD.

***Boston Globe* architecture critic Robert Campbell FAIA** wants to hear story ideas from BSA members; *camglobe@aol.com*.

North Shore BSA members' story ideas can be sent to John Rockwell AIA, the *Salem News* architecture columnist, at *johnrockwell@comcast.net*.

***The Classicist*, journal of the Institute for the Study of Classical Architecture**, seeks papers/examples of work done in the Classical manner; 212-730-9646.

Michelle Hillman covers commercial real estate, architecture and construction for the *Boston Business Journal*, and she's interested in hearing from you: 617-316-3220 or *mhillman@bizjournals.com*.

***New England Home* invites photographs of completed projects**; *skunstel@nehomemag.com* or 800-609-5154 x707.

***Places Journal*, edited by Donlyn Lyndon,** invites articles related to sustainable design; *places-journal.org*.

***Money* magazine seeks small-scale home design projects**; *duodickinson.com/NewsMoneySubmission.html*.

Author Ashley Rooney seeks project suggestions for a book on barn conversions and restorations; *earooney@rcn.com*.

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People and Firms

Banker & Tradesman profiled **Haril Pandya AIA** of **CBT**, **Eric Höweler AIA** and J. Meejin Yoon of **Höweler + Yoon Architecture/MY Studio** and Sapir Nig of **Tsoi/Kobus & Associates** as "New Leaders."

The Boston Business Journal profiled *ArchitectureBoston* editorial board member Robert Tuchmann Esq. in a story about projects above the Big Dig; Tuchmann in another story about his work with Project Bread; and *ArchitectureBoston* editorial board member **Vivien Li Hon. BSA** on the Seaport District's First Night open house. **William Harris AIA** of **Signer Harris Architects** was interviewed for "Survival of the Fittest 2009."

ADD Inc's **R. Vickie Alani AIA (1)**'s "Nine Ways to Capture Leasing Prospects During the Sales Walk" was published in *Multi-Housing News*. Tamara Roy Assoc. AIA, LEED AP **(2)** was interviewed for the article.

ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge completed the 30,000-sf Student Services Center at Johnson & Wales University in Providence RI.

The L.L. Bean Hunting & Fishing Store, designed by **Arrowstreet**, received an honorable mention in the Environmental Sustainability category for *Chain Store Age*'s Retail Store of the Year competition.

Rachel Zsembery AIA, LEED (3) of **Bergmeyer Associates** received the 2008 Rising Star Award from the Planning and Visual Education Partnership.

Bruner/Cott & Associates promoted **Jason Forney AIA** to senior associate and Dana Kelly to associate. The firm welcomes executive vice president Mark Teden.

Carpenter & MacNeille, Architects and Builders promoted Laurie Carpenter **(4)** to director of finance, **Michael Gray AIA (5)** to director of architecture, James Fitzgerald **(6)** to director of construction and Elizabeth Brosnan Hourihan **(7)** to director of interiors.

Casali Group and **Mostue & Associates Architects** received the Award for Innovation in Sustainable Design from the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute for their Mystic River modernization project. The firm joined the USGBC. Kimberly Huestis has become an LEED-accredited professional. *The Boston Globe Magazine* featured Noberto León RA for his pro-bono work for Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston.

Cubellis received an Innovation in Leadership award in the Special Awards category and honorable mention in the Showroom Category at the Retail Design Institute's Store Design Awards and Chain Store Age's Retail Store of the Year design competition for its work with Timberland Apparel. **Chris Ladd AIA (8)** was named to *Building Design+Construction*'s "40 under 40" list. Susan Packard IIDA, LEED AP **(9)** has become a LEED-accredited professional.

CUBE 3 Studio welcomes project manager David Ragucci **(10)** and **Ken Cooper AIA (11)**.

DiMella Shaffer welcomes director of science and technology **Jim Blount AIA, LEED AP**.

Domenech, Hicks & Krockmalnic Architects won the Design-Build Institute of America's Project of the Year award in the rail/transit transportation category for the New York Tri-State metro region with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Metro North Railroad and the City of New York for the new Yankee Stadium Station in the Bronx.

Dyer Brown & Associates welcomes senior project manager Michael Knauff **(12)**.

Entrepreneur.com featured **Fennick McCredie Architecture**'s work space design for BzzAgent.

Finegold Alexander + Associates' **Maurice Finegold FAIA** presented on the Fall River Trial Court, formerly Durfee High School, in "Transforming Courts Facilities to the 21st Century and Sustainability: The Challenges of Renovation and Reuse" at the AIA Academy for Justice conference. **Nancy Goodwin AIA, LEED AP** and **Tony Hsiao AIA** were appointed chair and vice-chair of the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Commission. Regan Shields Ives was appointed to The Trustees of Reservations Conservation Council Steering Committee. Joanna Dubiel has become a LEED-accredited professional. Elizabeth Wylie was elected president of the Jamaica Plain Tuesday Club.

Goody Clancy's Susan Hollister AIA became licensed in Massachusetts. The firm launched its website, *goodyclancy.com*. **David Dixon FAIA** presented on design principles and trends at the South Carolina Mayors Institute for Community Design Colloquium. Dixon and Lance Jay Brown FAIA, ACSA co-wrote *Urban Design for an Urban Century* (John Wiley & Sons).

Courts Today published "Mecklenburg County Courthouse, a Gateway to the Future," featuring a project designed by **Kallmann McKinnell & Wood, Architects** with HDR and Schenkel Shultz. The Mecklenburg County Courthouse received a 2009 Community Service Award.

KlingStubbins' **Craig Barbieri Assoc. AIA (13)** won Autodesk University's first "Design Slam."

LDa Architecture & Interiors completed an audio/visual and interior renovation of the Bopp Seminar Room inside the John Hay Library at Brown University.

Andrea Leers FAIA of **Leers Weinzapfel Associates** organized and was a speaker at "The Architecture of the Courthouse: a Franco-American Retrospective, 1992–2002," was a juror for an international competition for a new Center for Disease Control and served on the competition jury for the University of Baltimore's new law school. **Joe Pryse AIA (14)** served on the jury of the Citizen Schools design competition. **Tom Chung AIA** will be an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern University School of Architecture.

The Technology Enhanced Active Learning (TEAL) classrooms at MIT designed by **Miller Dyer Spears** were featured in *The New York Times*.

Anne Brockelman AIA, Mark Freeman RIBA, **Tim Ippolito AIA**, **Mark Breeze Assoc. AIA**, Michael Cimorelli and **Daniel Rogers Assoc. AIA** of **Perry Dean Rogers | Partners Architects** have become LEED-accredited professionals.

rauhaus freedenfeld & associates completed the design of the Alicia Pet Care Center in Mission Viejo CA. **James E. Owens AIA, LEED AP (15)** was promoted to associate.

Shepley Bulfinch's Melissa Cooper, **Aisha Densmore-Bey Assoc. AIA**, **Kim Markert AIA**, Ann Newman **(16)**, **Charles Osborne AIA (17)**, Courtney Stern and Larry Wolters **(18)** have become LEED-accredited professionals. **Carole Wedge FAIA** was a panelist on "Rethinking Learning Spaces" at the Educause Learning Initiative.

SMMA/Symmes Maini & McKee Associates' **Les Stucka AIA**, Brian Postlewaite PE and Melanie Manley have become LEED-accredited professionals. Mark Zarrillo FASLA, AICP **(19)** has been appointed chairman of the Town of Brookline's planning board and is serving as the planning board representative to the town's Climate Action Committee. The firm promoted Stucka and Brett Wilkinson to associate; Jane Quercia SPHR and Begum Tasar to senior associate; and Lorraine Finnegan LEED AP, Linda Lukas and **Eric Peterson AIA** to shareholder. Philip Brooks was posthumously named a senior associate. The lobby renovation of 1000 Washington Street, Boston won the AWI National Award of Excellence Project and was featured in *Design Solutions*.

Stephen Wessling AIA, CSI, BOCA, BOMA (20) of Wessling Architects has been appointed vice president of the New England chapter of RCI International.

Talevi and Haesche has been certified by the Massachusetts State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance as a women-owner business enterprise.

Tappé Associates' principal **Brooke Trivas Assoc. AIA 21)** and **César Dedios AIA, LEED AP (22)** led a Greenbuild tour of The Woburn Memorial High School. Trivas will be a panelist at the NEASC annual meeting, "GREENING BY DESIGN: Institutional Planning," also featuring The Woburn Memorial High School. Dedios and Meliti Dikeos **(23)** were named senior associates.

The S/L/A/M Collaborative welcomes project manager/project architect Andrew Hazelton, senior technical architect **Loren Belida AIA, LEED AP** and staff architect Joanna Zavras.

TRO Jung|Brannen promoted Dan Bliss, Jim Bryson, Robb Connor, **Jason Costello AIA, CSI, CCCA (24)** and **Ron Gorham Assoc. AIA** to senior associate and Adriana Dawley LEED AP, **Ellen DeNooyer AIA, LEED AP**, Amber Fournier AIA, LEED AP, Karen Galvin, **Tarica Harris AIA, LEED AP (25)**, **Pamela Mace AIA (26)**, **Mike Quinlan AIA (27)**, Gregory Smith PE **(28)** and Alison Ullman SPHR to associate. Paul Kondrat PE, **Mark Thomsen AIA,** Chris Tuttl, David Wolkowicz

CCCA, Steve Olson, **Frank Chang AIA,** Christine Ferguson, **Neil Silva Assoc. AIA,** Drayton Patriota, Liz Kaminoh and Melisa Marcotte NCIDQ have become LEED-accredited professionals. Erin Gould passed the NCIDQ exam.

Tsoi/Kobus & Associates's Sapir Ng **(29)** became a licensed architect. Jonathan Cohen **(30)** was one of two alumni selected to participate in an architectural exhibit at his alma mater, The Roxbury Latin School. Andy Pecora **(31)** and Jimmy Baer **(32)** have become LEED-accredited professionals.

Wilson Architects welcomes associates **Kevin Triplett AIA, LEED AP** and **James McComas AIA (33)**. **Jeffrey Puleo AIA, LEED AP (34)** was selected as a member of the planning board in Hanover. Adam Ferris **(35)** lectured on AutoCAD's new Action Recorder feature at Autodesk University.

Derrick Choi AIA, LEED AP (36) of **XChange Architects** presented a paper on the effect of regional jets on the design and planning of airport passenger terminals at the annual Transportation Research board meeting in Washington, D.C.

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24–28, TRO Jung|Brannen.
29, Benjamin Chung.
30, Laura Nathanson.
31–32, Chris Goldthwaite.
33, Henderson Studio.
34–35, Wilson Architects.
36, XChange Architects.

New Work

Ground has been broken at **ADD Inc**'s renovation of 750 Dorchester Avenue, which will serve as the new regional union headquarters for the New England Regional Council of Carpenters.

Arrowstreet completed the expansion wing at the Burlington Mall in Burlington and the interior design for Boston's Fairmont Battery Wharf hotel.

Bergmeyer Associates' new and current work includes renovations to Brown University's Science Center; interior architecture for the new Student Union at Young Harris College with VMDO Architects; and planning and programming for the James Hook Lobster Company.

CBT's new work includes Al Mughaira, a masterplanning project in Abu Dhabi to create a sustainable and livable neighborhood that can be a major tourist and resort destination.

Cubellis is redeveloping Cordage Development's historical Seaport at Cordage Park property, incorporating the state's Chapter 40R smart-growth affordable-housing bylaw for the property. Cordage Park was designated as a Smart Growth district by the state, one of only 16 such districts.

CUBE 3 Studio worked with patient groups from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to ensure that the new 25,500-sf adult cancer-care facility would be patient-friendly and conducive to healing. Residents can access 20 treatment and infusion rooms and 12 exam rooms with ancillary medical services.

Deer Hill Architects has completed design of Newhall Crossing at Craig's Pond, a 34,000-sf retail plaza in Peabody. The project will recycle all the brick from the existing factory being razed on the site.

New and recent projects by **designLAB architects** include the Arts Neighborhood Masterplan and conceptual design for the Haskett Hall renovation into a digital media center for The Ohio State University; designing a music-classroom building renovation at Boston's Berklee College of Music; a visual/performing arts center at the University of Maine/Farmington; and a new campus green and 30,000-sf music classroom building at Muskingum College in New Concord OH.

New work by **DiMella Shaffer** includes the General Dynamics EDGE Vehicle Center project in Taunton, featuring a working design laboratory, testing facility and client-presentation center, and the NOAH project, a 26-unit independent-living, affordable-housing complex in Carlisle.

Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architecture and Engineering is working on schematic design for a new 170,000-sf Unified Science Center at the University of Scranton.

Fennick McCredie Architecture is designing a new air rescue and firefighting building for the Nantucket Memorial Airport in Nantucket.

Current projects by **Finegold Alexander + Associates** include designing a new facility for MetroWest Jewish Day School in Framingham by adapting and expanding an existing estate complex; design improvements to three high-rise residential towers, Clarendon Hills, in Somerville; studies of the expansion of historic Beth Shalom on Chicago's Lake Shore Drive; renovating the historic Mohawk Theater in North Adams; and renovations and an addition to historic Berkshire Hall in Sheffield. The 90,000-sf Marblehead/Swampscott YMCA celebrated its grand opening.

Flansburgh Associates is designing Phase 1 of the masterplan for the Ras Beirut campus of International College, a private school associated with American University of Beirut, with Ellenzweig and Khatib and Alami.

Knight, Bagge & Anderson's current work includes the design of the New Memorial Elementary School in Burlington; renovation of Haverhill High School; renovations and improvements to North Andover Senior Center; a new elementary school in Hingham; and renovations to Methuen High School with Trident Project Advantage Group.

Leers Weinzapfel Associates' current projects include a new classroom building for the University of Connecticut in Storrs; the new Taunton Trial Court complex; the Dudley Square Police Station; Penn Park with Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates; the new Bangor District Courthouse in Maine; and the MIT Media Lab with Fumihiko Maki and Associates.

Olson Lewis Dioli & Doktor Architects & Planners' current and recent projects include The New Children's House at Bay Farm Montessori Academy, Pingree School's campus plan with a focus on athletics and performing arts and the Charles River School's new activity center.

A ribbon cutting and opening of the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences building at the University of Rhode Island was held. **Payette** designed this building, slated for a LEED Silver rating, and the College of Pharmacy.

Recent and current work by **Shepley Bulfinch** includes the 76,000-sf Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute at West Virginia University; a life-sciences building for Virginia Tech; and a new central public library for Austin TX with Lake/Flato. *eco-structure* featured Shepley's LEED-CI Silver office in an article on Boston's greenest buildings. The Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine was featured in *Modern Steel Construction*.

Tappé Associates' new and current work includes designing and renovating community libraries for the towns of Westhampton and Wilbraham; the Kilton Library in Lebanon NH; programming for the new Norfolk State University library and museum with Moseley Architects; programming for the College of DuPage library in Glen Ellyn IL; and Tufts University projects, including a cognitive lab, the renovations of the CEEO space and a study for the Institute for Global Studies.

TRO Jung|Brannen completed the fast-track tenant improvement of Cengage Learning's new Boston office space in a record time of 60 days. The 100,000-sf project included a fit-out of three floors in two buildings at Channel Center Street.

William Rawn Associates' new campus center and residence hall at Wheelock College opened and is slated for LEED Gold certification.

Wilson Architects is renovating part of Lederle A Tower and the Morrill Vivarium at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and designing science research and teaching facilities for the University College, Dublin.

Ground has been broken on The Kollel of Greater Boston's Center for Talmudic Study in Brighton, a new synagogue and learning center designed by **Jacobson Spear Architecture** with **XChange Architects**.

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McManus Architects won first prize in the Swan Boat Pavilion design competition. The firm's design featured a roof of terne-steel shingles on oak sheathing and purlins, supported on a light steel frame. Rendering: McManus Architects.

The Danforth University Center at Washington University in St. Louis designed by **Tsoi/Kobus & Associates** (above) has earned LEED Gold certification. The firm is working on ProCure Treatment Centers, a new 58,000-sf proton therapy center in south Florida, with Boca Raton Proton Therapy and a masterplan and site optimization study for a new nanoscience and nanotechnology park in South Bend IN for the Midwest Institute for Nanoelectronics Discovery consortium. Photo: Jeffrey Totaro.

Ellenzweig completed the Coover Hall engineering building at Iowa State University. Photo: Ellenzweig.

Meyer & Meyer Architecture was awarded 2009 Best of Boston for traditional architecture for English Rose, a 1929 Georgian Revival estate located in Brookline. The firm provided comprehensive architecture and interior architecture services for the complete design and rebuilding of two-thirds of the house to create a new entry, reception halls, construction of a new main stair and new master suite and bath. Photo: Bruce Buck.

Shawmut Design and Construction completed the 5,000-sf Nespresso retail boutique on Newbury Street with Austin Veum Robbins Partners. The Rhode Island Hospital bridge building expansion project in Providence RI (above) received a 2008 Aon Build America Merit Award. Photo: Shawmut Design and Construction.

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Banker & Tradesman profiled Allison Iantosca of **F.H. Perry, Builder**, Ryan Hutchins **(37)** of **Gilbane Building**, Kim Falcone Sousa **(38)** of **RDK Engineers**, Lisa Ballantyne of **Turner Construction** and Felipe Schwarz AICP of **VHB/Vanasse Hangen Brustlin** in its "New Leaders" section.

The Boston Business Journal profiled **Commodore Builders** for its strategic training and business-building in a slow economy; Chris Thompson of **Richard White Sons** for volunteering at and donating to Pine Street Inn; and **Turner Construction** in its "Survival of the Fittest 2009" section. The newspaper also featured Joe Albanese of **Commodore Builders**, Bob Greene of **G. Greene Construction** and Edward O'Rourke of **Bond Brothers** in a story about the economy.

Acentech's Eric Ungar PE and Jeff Zapfe wrote "Designing Facilities with Extreme Low-Vibration Requirements" for *Lab Design Newsletter*. The firm was mentioned in a case study on *ArchNewsNow.com*, "Traditional Brick: A Contemporary Solution at University of New Hampshire by Anshen+Allen." *Architectural Record* voted The International Fund for Animal Welfare headquarters one of 10 AIA 2009 Honors Award recipients for Interior Architecture. Ben Markham co-authored "Diffraction Culling for Virtual-Acoustic Simulations" in *Acta Acustica*. Current work includes vibration consulting for the new Impatient Tower at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor ME and acoustical and audiovisual consulting services for Kelly Middle School auditorium and music room.

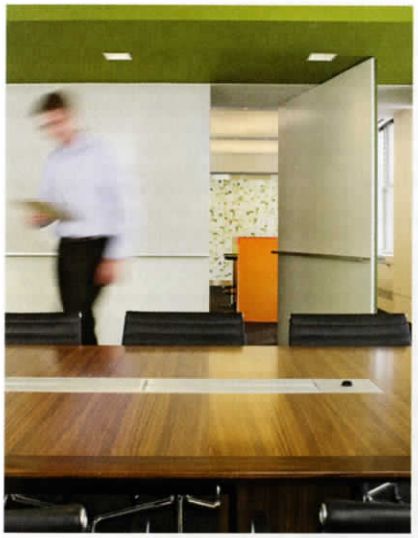
Advanced Signing completed the interior signage for the new Brigham & Women's/Mass General Health Care Center in Patriot's Place, designed by Roll, Barresi & Associates.

A.J. Martini completed the build-out of a new 25,500-sf adult cancer-care clinic for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology at Elliot Medical Center in Londonderry NH with architect CUBE 3 Studio and is constructing a new 10,000-sf adult daycare center for The Community Family in Everett with Timothy Burke Architecture. Gerald E. Parent **(39)**, Benjamin T. McConchie **(40)** and Tyler Abreau **(41)** have become LEED-accredited professionals.

Beals and Thomas co-hosted the annual MACC conference at which John Thomas PWS co-presented "Using DEPs Stormwater Handbook to Achieve Water Quality Goals" and Gerry Preble PE co-presented "Positive Impact Development and Green Design under the WPA." Elizabeth Clark and Luke Boucher achieved licensure as professional engineers in Massachusetts; Stacie Minihane achieved certification as a professional wetland scientist. The firm welcomes administrative assistant Helena Allen.

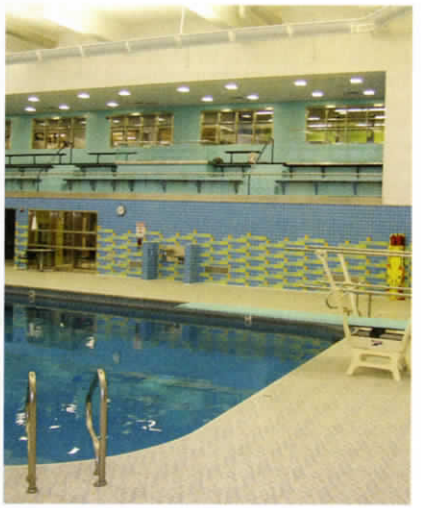
Bruner/Cott & Associates' new work includes the renovation and addition to Seegers Student Union at Muhlenberg College in Allentown PA; a new performing arts center for Seattle Pacific University with Miller Hull Architects; renovations and environmental upgrades at Gund Hall at Harvard's GSD; and the Class of 1953 Dining Commons at Dartmouth College (above) with Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners. Rendering: Bruner/Cott.

Anmahian Winton Architects' Harry Parker Boathouse for Community Rowing was reviewed by Robert Campbell FAIA in *The Boston Globe* in "Boathouse is a model of form and function," reviewed by Mary Abbe in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and featured in the "Top Five Stories of 2008" in *Architect Magazine*'s online weekly newsletter. Boathouse collaborators include Stantec, Childs Engineering, Richmond So Engineering, R.W. Sullivan Engineering, LAM Partners, Faithful and Gould, Extech Exterior Technologies, Harriman Associates, The Green Roundtable, Regenesis Group, **Richard Keleher AIA** and Consigli Construction. Photo: Jane Messinger/Anmahian Winton Archtects.



CBT received a 2008 Doc Award for the Analysis Group project in New York City. The 15,000-sf office features private offices, conference and meeting rooms, a production and mail room, and lounge and pantry space. Photo: Anton Grassl/Esto.

The masterplan for the Boston waterfront redevelopment Seaport Square, designed by Kohn Pederson Fox Associates and refined by **ADD Inc**, appeared in *Architectural Record*'s "On the Boards." The firm's Archstone North Point in Cambridge (above) was featured in *Brick in Architecture*'s New England edition. Photo: Lucy Chen Photography.



The formal dedication and reopening of **HMFH Architects**' Cambridge War Memorial Recreation Center for the City of Cambridge has been held. Photo: HMFH Architects.

Sperian Protection used the **Bufftree Building Company** construction site at the Wellfleet Fire and Rescue Station to feature its line of Harley Davidson protective equipment.

New and recent projects by **Carol R. Johnson Associates** include developing a masterplan for University of Massachusetts/Lowell with Perry Dean Rogers | Partners Architects; a masterplan for the Stamford Museum and Nature Center in Stamford CT with Tai Soo Kim Partners; landscape architectural services for the Mangroves Elite Residences in Shams City UAE with Bead Architects and Engineers; and designing the King Street Recreation Complex, a multi-use park with both active and passive recreational elements, with the Town of Hanover and Environmental Partners.

C.E. Floyd Co. is working on a new memory-care wing at StoneRidge in Mystic CT with AG Architecture.

Recent and current projects by **Columbia Construction** include a 13,000-sf interior renovation for Bentley Motors at Copley Place with Neumann/Smith Architecture and Allegro Interior Architecture; a 10,000-sf renovation for The Chiofaro Company's offices at One International Place with Visnick & Caulfield; and building out 30,000 sf of new office space for Passkey with Bruner/Cott & Associates as a part of their Phase I, 450,000-sf adaptive reuse project at the Waltham Watch Factory for Berkeley Investments. The firm sponsored SMPS' Life Sciences breakfast symposium. Neil Lemieux LEED AP presented at USGBC Massachusetts' Deeper Green Forum on the firm's LEED strategy for Martha's Vineyard Hospital.

Consigli Construction completed the restoration of the Clarendon Building, 197 Clarendon St., for Manulife Financial with Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger.

Copley Wolff Design Group, along with EDAW, received an Honor Award for Group Landscape Architecture for its work on the Wharf District Park on Boston's Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway from the Maryland and Potomac chapters of ASLA.

Erland Construction's U.S. EPA's New England Regional Laboratory—the first laboratory in Massachusetts to obtain a LEED Gold rating—ranked 11th and the LEED Gold cadet-dormitory expansion and renovation project at Massachusetts Maritime Academy ranked 16th on *The Boston Business Journal*'s list of the "Area's Highest-Ranked LEED-Certified Projects." Chris Alvino **(42)**, Brendan Boyle **(43)** and Mary Leahy **(44)** have become LEED-accredited professionals.

Lee Wooten of **GEI Consultants** served on a panel for "Bridge, Tunnel, Dam and Levee Inspections: Opportunities and Risks for Engineering Consultants" at a Donovan Hatem Design Professionals Roundtable.

Gilbane Building Company promoted Ryan Hutchins to Massachusetts district manager.

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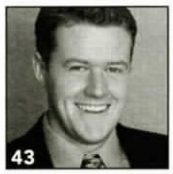

The Green Engineer's Erik Ruoff LEED AP was elected to the USGBC Massachusetts Membership Forum Leadership Council. Chris Schaffner PE, LEED AP spoke at GreenBuild. The firm is consulting on sustainable design for Morgan Stanley on its build-out at 125 High Street with IA | Interior Architects; the Smuttynose Brewery in Portland ME with McHenry Architecture; and a library renovation and addition at St. George's School in Providence RI with Perry Dean Rogers | Partners Architects.

Current and recent projects by **Jones Lang LaSalle** include a 70,000-sf interior build-out at 28 State Street, Boston for McDermott, Will & Emery; an interior build-out at 40 Broad Street, Boston for Cannon Business Solutions; interior construction for Millipore in Jaffrey NH; a build-out for Merrimack Pharmaceuticals at One Kendall Square, Cambridge; the full renovation of the former Julien Lounge into The BOND Restaurant & Lounge at Boston's Langham Hotel; the completion of the lobby/facade renovation at 99 High Street for TIAA-CREF; the Class-A repositioning of 40 Broad Street for Transwestern Investments; the build-out of McGregor's retail storefront at the Natick Collection Mall; and the 35,000-sf interior build-out for George P. Johnson at 711 Atlantic Ave., Boston. Projects that earned LEED ratings include Gensler for LEED Gold; AT Kearney for LEED Silver; Perkins+Will for LEED CI and City Year for LEED CI.

Lee Kennedy Company's current projects include the Bank of Brasil with Gensler in Boston; the sixth floor of the Prudential Tower with Visnick & Caulfield Associates; Bank of America in Malden with Nelson Architects; a third renovation at the Old State House for the Bostonian Society with Tellalian Associates; and the Wheelock College Riverway House residence hall retrofit project with DiMella Shaffer. Dan Lebiedz, Jasyn Johnson, Scott Giles, Nancy Notarangelo and Noel Muller have become LEED-accredited professionals.

Midland Construction's new and recent work include renovations of the fourth-floor lobby at One Financial Center for **Jones Lang LaSalle** with Business Design Group; an exploratory excavation at Harvard Medical School with Johnson Controls; ongoing renovations at *The Boston Globe*; an infrastructure and technology upgrade for Loomis Sayles Data Centers at One Financial Center and Westborough with **R. G. Vanderweil Engineers**; and a tenant build-out for the Retailers Association at One Financial Center with Fusion Design Consultants. The firm is celebrating 15 years in business.

Ken Jackman **(45)** of **New World Stoneworks** discussed how the company incorporates green practices in an *Entrepreneur* article on *Forbes.com*. The article details a system to recycle hot water from the aeronautical water-jet machines into heat for the company's 10,000-sf manufacturing facility through a heat-exchange unit.

For the third consecutive year, **Nitsch Engineering** was selected one of the Best Civil Engineering Firms to Work For by *CE News* magazine, ranking 14th overall and ninth for firms with under 100 employees. David Conway PE **(46)**, John Schmid PE **(47)**, Joyce Husseini **(48)**, Christopher Naylor PE, Steven Ventresca PE, Jared Gentilucci EIT and Connie Kolman have become LEED-accredited professionals. Sandra Brock PE, LEED AP **(49)** was promoted to chief engineer. Gary Pease PE, LEED AP **(50)** was named vice president of the NAIOP Education Committee. Chelsea Christenson PE, LEED AP was elected to the board of WTS. The firm welcomes project designer Silpa Munukutla.

BSA President Jim Batchelor FAIA and the BSA board of directors are privileged to welcome new corporate affiliate members **Marc Truant & Associates** *(construction managers) and* **Hamilton Management Solutions** *(building-industry training, management consulting and executive recruiting services). For details on corporate affiliate membership, visit* architects.org/membership *or contact membership director Karin Broadhurst at 617-951-1433 x228 or* kbroadhurst@architects.org.

RDK Engineers sponsored a building information modeling roundtable. Recent work includes schematic design for a new elementary school in Middleton with DiNisco Design Partnership; Mass Maritime Academy's new library addition with Perry Dean Rogers | Partners Architects; and Parexel International office relocation with ADD Inc.

Richard White Sons completed Internap Network Services' co-location data center with Ammondson Architects and Wyeth Research's 35 CPD B150 office renovation with Signer Harris Architects.

R.W. Sullivan Engineering's recent projects include Harvard University Biolabs Plant Growth Suite with Hecht Associates; Genzyme 76 NVA Cold Room with Signer Harris Architects; Cambridge Health Alliance MRI replacement; Brigham and Women's Hospital JP Clinic with Steffian Bradley Architects; Harvard University Shannon Hall daycare with KVA Kennedy & Violich Architecture; Lahey Neuroscience seventh floor with New England Medical Design; St. Katherine Dresel Church with Stull and Lee; General Dynamics Taunton EDGE Center with DiMella Shaffer; CVS in Tiverton RI with BKA Architects; Legacy Place City Sports with Prellwitz/Chilinski Associates; Appleton Mill Conversion in Lowell with ICON Architecture; 230 Albany Street with MIT Investment Management Company; Plymouth Rock Studios with Gensler; WPI Athletic Center with Cannon Design; and Hanscom National Guard with S E A Consultants.

Shawmut Design and Construction's Kevin Sullivan **(51)** was named one of the "40 Under 40" industry leaders by *Building Design + Construction* magazine.

Stantec's recent projects include land-use regulations and design guidelines for a new village center in Eastham; a downtown parking and circulation plan in Arcade NY; and design and permitting services for Castleton State College's Leavenworth Hall addition and practice fields in Castleton VT. The firm's Buzzard's Bay vision plan won the 2008 Outstanding Plan of the Year Award from APA Massachusetts.

The Berkshire Design Group's current and new work includes a masterplan for the northern campus of American International College, Springfield and designing AIC athletic fields with Centerbrook Architects and Planners; site design for a 100-room dormitory for Western New England College in Springfield with **Tessier Associates**; masterplanning for a new science/math building for Eaglebrook School in Deerfield with Windigo Architects; a masterplan for Unity Park in Turners Falls; an outdoor recreational classroom for Children First, a Granby daycare center based on the No Child Left Inside initiative, with **Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype**; a sustainable site design for River Valley Market in Northampton; and an 18-unit cluster housing development in Amherst. The Rocky Hill Cohousing received a Pioneer Valley Smart Growth Award and an Honor Award for Design Excellence from AIA Western Massachusetts. Richard Klein ASLA has become a LEED-accredited professional.

Natasha Andjelic **(52)** of **Towers|Golde** earned her landscape architect license in Connecticut.

VHB/Vanasse Hangen Brustlin's current and new work includes a historical building inventory survey at University of Massachusetts-Amherst with Einhorn Yaffee Prescott Architecture and Engineering; a traffic impact and access study for the Showa School in Jamaica Plain with Miller Dyer Spears; civil engineering supporting the relocation of the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital to Charlestown with Perkins+Will; the renovation and preservation of the U.S. Custom House in New Bedford with Guzman Prufer Architects; civil engineering and landscape architecture for Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London CT with TRO Jung|Brannen; the renovation/reconstruction of two middle schools as part of Richmond's City of the Future schools program with BCWH Architects; and development services for the College of William and Mary Real Estate Foundation's College Triangle retail project in Williamsburg VA.

Whitney-Veigas Architectural Products completed signs for Community Rowing for Anmahian Winton Architects; the Mattapan Branch Library for William Rawn Associates; and the Carl Shapiro Science Center at Brandeis University for Payette. The firm is working on a sign program for the Taft School for Gund Partnership.

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Challenging times call for community design

At a time when so many firms and individuals in our industry are wondering how they will ride out the recession, it might seem tough to make a case for pro-bono design services and community engagement, given our strained resources.

However, economic adversity has created a pivotal opportunity. Nonprofits and community groups across the region still need to improve their physical environment and now have even fewer resources to hire professional services. This is a moment when building-industry professionals can demonstrate their ability to help lead our communities through both an economic and an environmental crisis. As creative and innovative problem-solvers for the built environment, we can develop solutions that make the best use of our resources and draw on the myriad assets that our communities have at their disposal to achieve improvements.

This is not only an opportunity to build our communities—it is an opportunity to build our profession for the long term. Engaging with our communities now and building our reputation as skilled leaders for the issues that matter is how we can demonstrate that our field has value and relevance in creating a more environmentally, economically and socially sustainable future. And keeping members of our industry employed and engaged through work on community projects means that, instead of losing talented professionals to other sectors, we continue to develop the skilled workers—at all levels of experience—who will be needed when we enter the next economic boom. Failing to use this opportunity to increase our relevance and our skills risks leaving us diminished in status and capacity—and left on the sidelines as the vision for our societal future is set.

So what do we do in these tough times? Let's get to know our communities, their assets and their needs, so that we can better integrate the skills and knowledge of all stakeholders in the process of designing and building the physical environment. Let's take a close look at both the positive and negative effects of the ways we currently practice on the social, environmental and economic health of our neighborhoods, municipalities and region. Together, we can figure out how working with communities in need and being engaged citizens becomes a part of our daily professional practice and our business models, so that what we learn and do in this downturn nurtures both our communities and our profession.

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This article was submitted by the Community Design Resource Center of Boston (CDRC-Boston). Paul Hajian AIA is president of CDRC-Boston. For more information on CDRC-Boston, contact executive director Brandy Brooks Assoc. AIA, NOMA at brandy@cdrc-boston.org.

A BSA Volunteer Corps is being formed to create teams of BSA members and others who wish to work together on community-design and community-service projects.

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On March 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, CDRC-Boston and the BSA co-sponsor a skill-building workshop on **Community Engagement for the Built Environment** at The Architects Building. Part of a new series sponsored by the BSA's Career Resources Network (see page 7), the free training session covers the key steps in an effective community-design process—with practical advice and tools presented by experienced local leaders in community design and development. Whether you're new to community participation in design or just brushing up on your skills, come and contribute your knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to the conversation. RSVP to *rsvp@architects.org* or 617-951-1433 x221 by 9:30 am on the day of the workshop. ■ CE